

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 14 are amended herein to recite that Y in formula (I) is an aliphatic group having a bridged cyclic structure. Claims 16 and 17 are added as new dependent claims, dependent upon claims 1 and 14, respectively, which recite that Y in the formula (I) is an aliphatic group selected from the group consisting of the structures (1) to (46) shown in claims 16 and 17. Support for the amendment is found, for example, on pages 8 and 9 of the specification and the examples in the specification. As shown on pages 8-9, all of the Y groups of the compounds of the invention are aliphatic. Further, all of the Y groups in the compounds of the invention employed in the working examples are aliphatic.

No new matter has been added and entry of the amendment is respectfully requested. Upon entry of the amendment, claims 1-17 will be all of the claims pending in the application.

I. Response to Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

In paragraph 4 of the Action, claims 1, 3, 7-10 and 12-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Kodama (U.S. Pat. No. 6,291,130 B1) (Kodama '130).

In paragraph 5 of the Action, claims 1 and 3-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Kodama et al (U.S. Pub. No. 2003/0224288 A1) (Kodama '288).

Applicants respectfully submit that neither of the cited references discloses, teaches or suggests the presently claimed invention.

Independent claims 1 and 14 are amended herein to recite that Y in formula (I) represents an aliphatic group having a bridged cyclic structure. Neither one of the cited

references teaches a compound within the scope of formula (I) as recited in amended claims 1 and 14. Specifically, the naphthalene structure taught by the Kodama references as the group corresponding to Y in the present claims, is not an aliphatic bridged cyclic structure. Thus, neither of the cited references discloses or suggests the presently claimed invention and therefore, the presently claimed invention is not anticipated. Claims 2-13 and 15-17 depend from claim 1 and claim 14, respectively, and are distinguished for at least the same reasons. Claims 16 and 17 are further distinguished in that neither of the Kodama references teaches or suggests the specific aliphatic groups having a bridged cyclic structure.

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102.

II. Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 2 and 15 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but are indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the elements of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicants respectfully submit that claims 2 and 5 depend from claim 1, which is distinguished over the art for the reasons set forth above. Therefore, claims 2 and 5 are allowable as presently written.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the objection.

III. Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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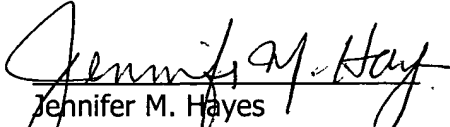
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